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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

A new abstract is presented to obviate the rejections thereto.

Claims 33, 36, 40, 41, 44, 47, 50, 72, 79-81, 87, 92, 98, 107, 123, 130 and 140 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, each of the noted instances of indefiniteness have been corrected herewith.

The objection to claim 41 was actually believed directed to claim 42, which has been corrected herein. The examiner is thanked for his careful attention to these claims and their specific language.

The indication that all claims are allowable is appreciatively noted. Each of these claims have all been retained.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. However, should any issues remain after this amendment, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned by telephone in an attempt to finalize this case.

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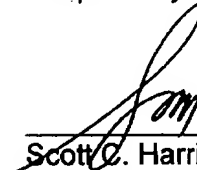
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No fees should be necessary, but please charge any fees due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-1387.

Respectfully submitted,

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